

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1881–S1981

Measures Introduced: Eight bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2778–2785, and S. Res. 418. **Page S1912**

Measures Passed:

Fraud Reduction and Data Analytics Act: Senate passed S. 2133, to improve Federal agency financial and administrative controls and procedures to assess and mitigate fraud risks, and to improve Federal agencies' development and use of data analytics for the purpose of identifying, preventing, and responding to fraud, including improper payments, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S1981**

McConnell (for Carper/Tillis) Amendment No. 3684, relative to the establishment of financial and administrative controls relating to fraud and improper payments. **Page S1981**

Measures Considered:

America's Small Business Tax Relief Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 636, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend increased expensing limitations, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S1893–S1909**

Rejected:

Thune/Nelson Amendment No. 3464, in the nature of a substitute. (Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S1893, S1909**

Pending:

McConnell (for Thune/Nelson) Amendment No. 3679, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S1909**

Thune Amendment No. 3680 (to Amendment No. 3679), of a perfecting nature. **Page S1909**

A motion was entered to close further debate on McConnell (for Thune/Nelson) Amendment No. 3679 (listed above), and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, April 14, 2016. **Page S1909**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a

vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of McConnell (for Thune/Nelson) Amendment No. 3679. **Page S1909**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

Thune (for Gardner) Amendment No. 3460 (to Amendment No. 3464), to require the FAA Administrator to consider the operational history of a person before authorizing the person to operate certain unmanned aircraft systems, fell when Senate tabled Thune/Nelson Amendment No. 3464 (listed above). **Page S1893**

Cantwell Amendment No. 3490 (to Amendment No. 3464), to extend protections against physical assault to air carrier customer service representatives, fell when Senate tabled Thune/Nelson Amendment No. 3464 (listed above). **Pages S1893–S1909**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, April 13, 2016. **Page S1981**

Executive Communications: **Pages S1911–12**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S1912–13**

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: **Pages S1913–16**

Additional Statements: **Page S1911**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S1916–80**

Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Pages S1980–81**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:30 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 13, 2016. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1981.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: SEC AND CFTC

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2017 for the Securities

and Exchange Commission and Commodity Futures Trading Commission, after receiving testimony from Mary Jo White, Chairwoman, Securities and Exchange Commission; and Tim Massad, Chairman, Commodities Futures Trading Commission.

CAUSES AND CONSEQUENCES OF VIOLENT EXTREMISM

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs concluded a hearing to examine the causes and consequences of violent extremism and the role of foreign assistance, after receiving testimony from Antony J. Blinken, Deputy Secretary of State; General James L. Jones, USMC (Ret.), Jones Group International, Vienna, Virginia; Bono, ONE, Washington, D.C.; and Kelly T. Clements, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Geneva, Switzerland.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support concluded a hearing to examine military construction, environmental, energy, and base closure programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2017 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Peter J. Potochney, Performing the Duties of Assistant Secretary for Energy, Installations and Environment, Katherine G. Hammack, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations, Energy and Environment, Dennis V. McGinn, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Energy, Installations and Environment, and Miranda A. A. Ballentine, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Installations, Environment and Energy, all of the Department of Defense.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities concluded a hearing to examine the strategy and implementation of the Department of Defense's technology offsets initiative in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2017 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Stephen P. Welby, Assistant Secretary for Research and Engineering, Arati Prabhakar, Director, Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, and William B. Roper, Jr., Director, Strategic Capabilities Office, all of the Department of Defense.

INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGIES IN ADVANCED MANUFACTURING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the status of innovative technologies in advanced manufacturing, after

receiving testimony from Craig Blue, Institute for Advanced Composites Manufacturing Innovation, Knoxville, Tennessee; Leo Christodoulou, The Boeing Company, Arlington, Virginia; Doug Ward, Vigor Ketchikan, Ketchikan, Alaska; David B. Williams, The Ohio State University College of Engineering, Columbus; and Deborah L. Wince-Smith, Council on Competitiveness, Washington, D.C.

SMALL BUSINESSES' PERSPECTIVES ON EPA REGULATORY ACTIONS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Superfund, Waste Management, and Regulatory Oversight concluded a hearing to examine American small businesses' perspectives on Environmental Protection Agency regulatory actions, after receiving testimony from Michael Canty, Alloy Bellows and Precision Welding, Inc., Cleveland, Ohio, on behalf of the National Small Business Association; Tom Buchanan, Oklahoma Farm Bureau Federation, Oklahoma City, on behalf of the American Farm Bureau Federation; Thomas M. Sullivan, Nelson Mullins Riley and Scarborough, LLP, Washington, D.C.; Frank Knapp, Jr., South Carolina Small Business Chamber of Commerce, Columbia; and Emily Reichert, Greentown Labs Inc., Somerville, Massachusetts.

CYBERSECURITY AND PROTECTING TAXPAYER INFORMATION

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine cybersecurity and protecting taxpayer information, focusing on the need for the Internal Revenue Service to further improve controls over taxpayer data and continue to combat identity theft refund fraud, after receiving testimony from John A. Koskinen, Commissioner, and Terence V. Milholland, Chief Technology Officer, both of the Internal Revenue Service, J. Russell George, Inspector General for Tax Administration, and Michael McKenney, Deputy Inspector General for Audit, Inspector General for Tax Administration, all of the Department of the Treasury; and Gene L. Dodaro, Comptroller General, and Gregory C. Wilshusen, Director, Information Security Issues, both of the Government Accountability Office.

ISIS AND TRANSNATIONAL TERRORISM

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the spread of ISIS and transnational terrorism, after receiving testimony from Graeme Wood, Council on Foreign Relations, Matthew Levitt, The Washington Institute for Near East Policy Stein Program on Counterterrorism and Intelligence, and Matthew G. Olsen, former Director, National Counterterrorism Center, all of Washington, D.C.

IMPROVING THE USAJOBS WEBSITE

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management concluded a hearing to examine improving the USAJOBS website, after receiving testimony from Mark D. Reinhold, Associate Director, Employee Services, Office of Personnel Management; Linda E. Brooks Rix, Avue Technologies Corporation, University Place, Washington; and Max Stier, Partnership for Public Service, Washington, D.C.

FEMA PROGRESS, PERFORMANCE, AND PREPAREDNESS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Spending Oversight and Emergency Management concluded a hearing to examine the Federal Emergency Management Agency, focusing on assessing progress, performance, and continuing challenges in national preparedness efforts, after receiving testimony from Timothy Manning, Deputy Administrator, Protection and Na-

tional Preparedness, Federal Emergency Management Agency, and John Roth, Inspector General, both of the Department of Homeland Security; Chris Currie, Director, Homeland Security and Justice, Government Accountability Office; and John Drake, Deputy Administrator, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation.

ESSA IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Every Student Succeeds Act implementation in states and school districts, focusing on perspectives from the Secretary of Education, after receiving testimony from John King, Secretary of Education.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 21 public bills, H.R. 4899–4919; and 6 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 127; and H. Res. 670, 673–676 were introduced.

Pages H1633–34

Additional Cosponsors:

Pages H1635–37

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1567, to authorize a comprehensive, strategic approach for United States foreign assistance to developing countries to reduce global poverty and hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition, promote inclusive, sustainable agricultural-led economic growth, improve nutritional outcomes, especially for women and children, build resilience among vulnerable populations, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–482);

H.R. 2908, to adopt the bison as the national mammal of the United States, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–483);

H.R. 4392, to amend title 5, United States Code, to require that the Office of Personnel Management submit an annual report to Congress relating to the use of official time by Federal employees, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–484);

H.R. 4358, to amend title 5, United States Code, to enhance accountability within the Senior Execu-

tive Service, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–485);

H.R. 2615, to establish the Virgin Islands of the United States Centennial Commission, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–486);

H.R. 2733, to require the Secretary of the Interior to take land into trust for certain Indian tribes, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–487);

H.R. 3586, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to improve border and maritime security coordination in the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–488, Part 1);

H. Res. 671, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3340) to place the Financial Stability Oversight Council and the Office of Financial Research under the regular appropriations process, to provide for certain quarterly reporting and public notice and comment requirements for the Office of Financial Research, and for other purposes, and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3791) to raise the consolidated assets threshold under the small bank holding company policy statement, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–489); and